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23	ACTIONS	COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF
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INTRODUCTION

1. Lead Plaintiffs Kaniz Fatema, Zeke Ingram, Bhaskar R. Gudlavenkatasiva, and Abuhena M. Saifulislam (the "KaloBios Investor Group"), together with Plaintiff Austin Isensee (altogether, the "Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of all the other persons similarly situated, by their undersigned attorneys, allege the following based upon personal knowledge as to themselves and their own acts, and upon information and belief as to all other matters based on the ongoing investigation conducted by and through their attorneys, which included, among other things, a review of Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, press releases, transcripts of earnings calls, and other public statements by KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("KaloBios") and the other Defendants; extensive interviews with numerous confidential witnesses; review of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") complaint and the criminal indictments against Defendant Shkreli; and review and analysis of other publicly available information, including pertinent press coverage and analyst reports. Plaintiffs believe that substantial evidentiary support will exist for the allegations set forth herein after a reasonable opportunity for discovery.

SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

2. As against Defendant Martin Shkreli, this is a federal securities class action on behalf of a class (the "Class") consisting of all persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of KaloBios between November 19, 2015 and December 16, 2015 (the "Class Period"), both dates inclusive, seeking to recover damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.

Excluded from the Class are Defendants, their immediate family members, and KaloBios's officers, directors, executive employees, subsidiaries and affiliates.

3. The facts and circumstances alleged herein also give rise to claims against Defendants Ronald Martell ("Martell"), Herb Cross ("Cross"), and KaloBios (the "Settling Defendants") on behalf of investors who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of KaloBios between November 18, 2015 and December 16, 2015, inclusive, for violations of Exchange Act §§10(b) and 20(a). Those claims are, at present, subject to a proposed partial settlement (the "Partial Settlement"), the terms of which serve to stay this action as against the Settling Defendants pending its final approval by the Court, but which otherwise do not affect the remaining claims as asserted herein.

OVERVIEW

- 4. KaloBios, a biopharmaceutical company, was founded in 2000 and is headquartered in South San Francisco, California. KaloBios's stock traded on the NASDAQ under the ticker symbol "KBIO." Pre-Class Period, KaloBios's drug product candidates under study in clinical trials included KB003, intended to treat patients with severe asthma, and KB004, intended to treat patients with hematologic malignancies. However, just before the Class Period, KaloBios was under severe financial distress. It announced a 61% workforce reduction and the pursuit of "strategic alternatives" on November 5, 2015. By November 13, 2015, it announced that its limited cash resources precluded continued investigation of strategic alternatives, such that it would "wind down its operations." On this news, KaloBios's stock closed at \$0.90 on November 13, 2015.
- Defendant Martin Shkreli was a hedge fund manager and pharmaceutical company investor who co-founded investment company MSMB in September 2009 and drug

company Retrophin in 2011. Unbeknownst to KaloBios investors, between September 2009 and September 2014, he engaged in extensive fraudulent and illegal misconduct at these companies by, inter alia, stealing hundreds of thousands of dollars from MSMB; fraudulently *inducing investments* in MSMB by deceiving investors as to its insufficient liquidity and as to his own abysmal track record as a hedge fund manager; lying to large investors in stating MSMB's assets under management as \$35 million when they were only \$700 and by identifying as MSMB's independent auditor and administrator firms that had never been hired; deceiving **MSMB's broker** by misrepresenting that he had located shares sufficient to cover a failed short sale, when he had not done so, leading to the broker closing at a loss of \$7 million; working with his lawyer (who was later indicted) to defraud Retrophin into settling MSMB debts and personal debts, including through use of MSMB settlement agreements disguised as sham Retrophin consulting agreements; working with lawyer and corrupt employees to fabricate investments by MSMB in Retrophin through concealed stock transfers and backdated agreements; and working with his lawyer to hide settlements with defrauded MSMB and Elea Capital investors as sham consulting agreements with Retrophin, for which Retrophin paid consideration but received no services.

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6. On November 18, 2015, the day before the start of the Class Period as against Defendant Shkreli, KaloBios issued a press release listing Defendant Cross (its then-CFO) as the company contact (the "11/18/2015 Press Release") stating, inter alia, that it "has been informed that an investor group comprised of Martin Shkreli and associates together have acquired more

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As used herein, "MSMB" refers to an umbrella of affiliated investment companies co-founded by Defendant Shkreli and Marek Biestek, including MSMB Capital LLC, MSMB Capital Management LLC, and MSMB Healthcare Management LLC. As used herein, "Retrophin" refers to affiliated drug companies founded by Defendant Shkreli, including Retrophin, Inc. and Retrophin LLC.

than 50% of the outstanding shares of KaloBios, and that the company is in discussions with Mr. Shkreli regarding possible direction for the company to continue in operation." It also quoted Defendant Martell (its then-Executive Chairman), as stating, "We have received communications from Mr. Shkreli informing us of his group's ownership position, and a proposal to continue the company's operations. Our board of directors is prepared to entertain any constructive proposal, which we will act upon promptly."

- 7. By that point, Defendant Shkreli had gained effective control over KaloBios due to his majority ownership and his having orchestrated the company's rejection of an alternative funding proposal in favor of his completely assuming the helm as CEO and Chairman. The specifics of Shkreli's proposal for running KaloBios were closely guarded and knowledge thereof restricted to the highest levels of KaloBios. Shkreli and his investor group (the "Shkreli Group") had acquired its controlling stake, which was over 50.1% on November 17, 2015 and swelled to 70.0% by November 23, 2015, for an average per-share price of just \$1.51. Specifically, a Form 8-K filed on November 23, 2015 later disclosed that, by that date, Shkreli's group had purchased 2,885,000 shares of KaloBios for just \$4,363,853.00, and Form 13D filed on November 25, 2015 later disclosed that Shkreli himself controlled 72% of that majority-ownership stake. Defendant Shkreli was highly motivated to commit the fraud alleged herein, *inter alia*, to drive up the value of this newly-acquired majority stake through his false and misleading statements during the Class Period.
- 8. The Class Period as against Shkreli began on November 19, 2015, when KaloBios issued a press release entitled "KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Appoints Martin Shkreli CEO and Announces New Financing" and listing "Martin Shkreli, KaloBios CEO" as the company contact (the "11/19/2015 Press Release"). After announcing that Shkreli's investor group had

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² All bolded, italicized and/or underlined text herein, if used within a quotation, indicates emphasis added unless otherwise noted.

acquired 70% of KaloBios's outstanding shares and that he had been appointed its CEO and elected its Chairman, the 11/19/2015 Press Release falsely and misleadingly stated, among other things, "In his new role, Mr. Shkreli will work with the company's senior management team to ensure the Company's continued operations." It also touted that "KaloBios has received a commitment from Mr. Shkreli and other investors for an equity investment of at least \$3.0 million. In addition, Mr. Shkreli and the group of investors have committed to a \$10 million equity financing facility, subject to applicable shareholder approval."

- 9. On this news, KaloBios's stock rose from its \$2.07 close on November 18, 2015 to open at \$14.00 on November 19, 2015, reach an intra-day trading high of \$14.72, and close at \$10.40 on November 19, 2015, an increase of \$8.33, or more than 400%. At this price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios had risen in value to \$30.0 million.
- 10. Thereafter, Defendant Shkreli made and authored a steady stream of false and misleading statements to investors that drove up KaloBios's stock price and with it, the value of the Shkreli Group's controlling stake in the company. Among them were a KaloBios Form 8-K filed with the SEC on November 23, 2015 that touted Shkreli's leadership of Retrophin and MSMB as a basis to assert that "Mr. Shkreli's prior experience, attributes and skills are indicators of his professional competence for the role as Chief Executive Officer" of KaloBios. It also touted the appointment of numerous Shkreli associates to KaloBios's Board and its Audit Committee, including MSMB's co-founder and longtime Retrophin executives, while stating that the resigning Directors they were replacing "had no disagreement with the Company that led to their respective resignations." These statements drove KaloBios's stock as high as \$45.82 on

November 23, 2015, before it closed at \$39.50, up over 200% from its prior day's close, a price that pushed the Shkreli Group's 70% stake to \$113.9 million in value.

- statements about KaloBios's operations and financing options, including, among others that lenzilumab "trials [are] starting right now...and we'll know in Q1 or Q2 if our trial works," that "we...named ourselves the management...and now the company has the cash to do this clinical trial," that "we're in talks with three separate acquisitions" and "all three are progressing rapidly and could be great fits," that "KaloBios needs another \$100 million that I'm going to give to it so that we can develop lenzilumab for CMML," and that he would succeed at KaloBios due to his "credibility and trustworthiness" and that "investors who have been in my last two companies know my track record is very good." These statements and others by Defendant Shkreli that day again boosted KaloBios's stock price, which closed at \$26.63, up nearly 45% from its prior day's close at \$18.40, a price that pushed the Shkreli Group's 70% stake to \$76.8 million.
- 12. On December 3, 2015, Defendant Shkreli continued the fraud via a slew of press releases that, among other things, falsely and misleadingly touted his appointment of longtime associates from Retrophin and MSMB, stating, "We are moving quickly to build a very high quality team focused on optimizing the growth opportunities at KaloBios Pharmaceuticals," and touted KaloBios's entry into an agreement for \$8.2 million in financing, to close in December 2015, that it "intends to use...for an acquisition and to advance its pipeline of drug candidates, including its lead compound, lenzilumab." The same day, in conjunction with a conference calls, Shkreli and KaloBios issued a set of slides that contained numerous additional false and misleading statements, including, among others, that Shkreli's gaining control of the company

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and ascension as CEO and Chairman meant "permanent access to capital and M&A deal flow"; that KaloBios was taking numerous steps to advance its drug candidates and pipeline, including that it was "focused on lenzilumab (formerly KB003)" and was "Initiating Phase 1 / 2 study in CMML by YE 2015" (just weeks away) and "is in near-term negotiations to acquire several assets in the next 30 to 90 days"; and that Retrophin was one "fastest growing biopharmaceutical companies in the history of the industry" and his appointment of longtime associates from Retrophin to high-level positions at KaloBios was a positive. These misstatements maintained the price inflation in KaloBios's, which closed at \$29.32 on December 3, 2015 and \$31.13 on December 4, 2015, prices that valued the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios at between \$84.5 million and \$89.8 million.

- 13. On December 16, 2015, a KaloBios Form 8-K that Defendant Shkreli wrote and signed disclosed that had closed the transaction to sell 350,224 shares of KaloBios common stock in an \$8.2 million private placement. That day, KaloBios's stock closed at \$23.59, which valued the Shkreli Group's 70% stake at \$68.1 million.
- 14. With investors in the dark, the effect of these false and misleading statements on KaloBios's stock price was dramatic. KaloBios's stock traded as high as \$45.82 during the Class Period due to the inflation caused by Defendant Shkreli's fraud, in the process greatly enriching him and the other members of the Shkreli Group.
- 15. The market was therefore shocked when Defendant Shkreli was led away in handcuffs on December 17, 2015, arrested based on a 30-page federal indictment, as superseded by a Superseding Indictment in June 2016 (both indictments together the "Shkreli Indictments"), which along with a contemporaneously filed 22-page SEC complaint (the "SEC Shkreli Complaint"), outlined the massive scale of Shkreli's fraudulent and illegal conduct at his other

companies, particularly MSMB and Retrophin. KaloBios terminated Shkreli as CEO that day. Investors came to understand what Shkreli already knew – that he had been *incapable* of overseeing KaloBios's continued operations, securing necessary financing, or delivering on any of the Class Period statements he had made and that he was *unfit* to lead KaloBios, as were his associates from Retrophin and MSMB. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds. In reality, KaloBios remained on the brink of bankruptcy.

- 16. On this news, KaloBios's stock plummeted 53% in pre-open trading before NASDAQ halted all trading so it could request more information from KaloBios. NASDAQ put out a statement on December 17, 2015, stating it had halted trading at 6:48 a.m. and that trading would remain halted "until KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. has fully satisfied NASDAQ's request for additional information" as to the circumstances surrounding Shkreli's arrest. With trading halted, the bad news piled up. On December 21, 2015, KaloBios's independent accounting firm, Marcum LLP, hired less than two weeks earlier, resigned. On December 24, 2015, NASDAQ announced that KaloBios's stock would be delisted due to Shkreli's arrests and other issues. KaloBios filed for bankruptcy on December 29, 2015. When KaloBios finally resumed trading, on the over the counter (OTC) market, on January 13, 2016, it opened at \$2.51, reached an intra-day low of \$1.02, and finally closed at \$4.39.
- 17. As a result of Defendant Shkreli's materially false and misleading statements and omissions, KaloBios securities traded at inflated prices during the Class Period. After the fraud was revealed, KaloBios's stock suffered a precipitous decline in market value, thereby causing significant losses and damages to Plaintiffs and other Class members.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 18. The claims asserted herein arise under and pursuant to §§10(b) and 20(a) of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. §§78j(b) and 78t(a)) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC (17 C.F.R. §240.10b-5). Jurisdiction is conferred by 28 U.S.C. §1331 and §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aa.
- 19. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to §27 of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. §78aa, §22 of the Securities Act, 15 U.S.C. §77v, and 28 U.S.C. §1391(b), as Defendant KaloBios is headquartered in this district and many of the acts and practices complained of herein occurred in substantial part in this district.
- 20. In connection with the acts, conduct and other wrongs alleged herein, Defendants, directly or indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate commerce, including but not limited to, the United States mail, interstate telephone communications and the facilities of the national securities exchange.

PARTIES

- 21. Lead Plaintiff Kaniz Fatema purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios common stock as described in Lead Plaintiff's prior-submitted certification and was damaged by the conduct alleged herein.
- 22. Lead Plaintiff Zeke Ingram purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios common stock as described in Lead Plaintiff's prior-submitted certification and was damaged by the conduct alleged herein.
- 23. Lead Plaintiff Bhaskar R. Gudlavenkatasiva purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios common stock as described in Lead Plaintiff's prior-submitted certification and was damaged by the conduct alleged herein.

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- 24. Lead Plaintiff Abuhena M. Saifulislam purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios common stock as described in Lead Plaintiff's prior-submitted certification and was damaged by the conduct alleged herein.
- 25. Plaintiff Austin Isensee purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios common stock as described in Plaintiff's prior-submitted certification and was damaged by the conduct alleged herein.
- 26. Defendant KaloBios is incorporated in Delaware and is headquartered at 442 Littlefield Avenue, South San Francisco, California 94080. Defendant KaloBios made materially false and misleading misstatements and omissions as alleged herein. The claims against Defendant KaloBios are presently subject to the terms of the Partial Settlement, and a resultant stay of the litigation as regards Defendant KaloBios pending final approval by the Court.
- 27. Defendant Ronald Martell, as described herein, served as KaloBios's Executive Chairman before and into the Class Period. Defendant Martell made materially false and misleading misstatements and omissions as alleged herein. The claims against Defendant Martell are presently subject to the terms of the Partial Settlement, and a resultant stay of the litigation as regards him pending final approval by the Court.
- 28. Defendant Herb Cross, as described herein, served as KaloBios's Chief Financial Officer before and into the Class Period. Defendant Cross made materially false and misleading misstatements and omissions as alleged herein pending final approval by the Court. The claims against Defendant Cross are presently subject to the terms of the Partial Settlement, and a resultant stay of the litigation as regards him pending final approval by the Court.

29. Defendant Martin Shkreli, as described herein, gained control of KaloBios and then served as its CEO and Chairman during the Class Period, during which he made materially false and misleading misstatements and omissions as alleged herein. Defendant Shkreli also cofounded MSMB (in September 2009) and Retrophin (in 2011), both of which he led prior to taking over KaloBios.

KEY NON-PARTY ASSOCIATES OF DEFENDANT SHKRELI

- 30. Marek Biestek ("Biestek") is a long-time associate of Defendant Shkreli. He was a Managing Member and Co-Founder of MSMB from September 2009 2011. (He is the "MB" of MSMB, while Defendant Shkreli is the "MS" in its name.) He served a variety of capacities over four years at Retrophin, including Vice President, Co-Head of Business Development. Biestek was part of Defendant Shkreli's investor group that gained a controlling interest in KaloBios, and KaloBios's Shkreli-controlled Board appointed him to serve as a KaloBios Director during the Class Period.
- 31. Thomas Fernandez ("Fernandez") is another long-time associate of Defendant Shkreli. He served as Co-Founder (with Defendant Shkreli) and Senior VP, Corporate Development at Retrophin from 2011 August 2015. He also served as President of MSMB. . During the Class Period, KaloBios's Shkreli-controlled Board appointed Fernandez to serve as a KaloBios Director and as a member of its Audit Committee.
- 32. Michael Harrison ("Harrison") is another long-time associate of Defendant Shkreli. He served as an executive at multiple companies run by Defendant Shkreli, including service as Controller at Retrophin from July 2013 November 2014. During the Class Period, KaloBios's Shkreli-controlled Board appointed Harrison to serve as a KaloBios Director and as both a member of and the Chairman of its Audit Committee.

- 33. Patrick Crutcher ("Crutcher") is another long-time associate of Defendant Shkreli. He served as an executive at multiple companies run by Defendant Shkreli, including service as a key member of the business development team at Retrophin. During the Class Period, Shkreli appointed Crutcher to serve as Head of Business Development at KaloBios.
- 34. From February 2011 to September 2014, Evan Greebel ("Greebel"), a Partner at the law firm of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, served as lead outside counsel to Retrophin and, at various times, as counsel to Defendant Shkreli and MSMB. Unbeknownst to KaloBios investors during the Class Period, Greebel had engaged in pre-Class Period fraudulent and illegal schemes with Shkreli at MSMB and Retrophin, for which Greebel was later indicted.

NON-PARTY CONFIDENTIAL WITNESSES

- 35. CW1 was the Senior VP of Business Development at KaloBios from April 2008 until July 1, 2015, reporting to CEO David Pritchard until his departure in January 2015 and thereafter reporting to Defendant Cross. CW1's many various job duties included being the main business person at KaloBios, in which capacity CW1 executed deals with other companies to form partnerships (*e.g.*, marketing and distribution deals for specific drugs), worked on marketing plans for products, and worked on strategic planning.
- 36. CW2 was the head of drug safety at KaloBios from June 2013 to June 30, 2015, reporting to Chief Medical Officer Nestor Molfino until his termination in January 2015 and thereafter reporting to Susan Kramer, VP of Product and Portfolio Management. CW2's responsibilities included monitoring safety and trial records for three KaloBios drugs undergoing clinical trials and, at times, preparing documents for review by potential investors in KaloBios.
- 37. CW3 was the Senior Manager of Document Control at KaloBios from October 2007 to November 16, 2015, reporting to KaloBios's Head of Quality. CW3's job duties

included managing regulatory documents for the medical regulatory agencies, managing clinical documents, quality control, documenting standard operating procedures for filing and documentation, working with vendors on maintaining records and auditing those vendors. CW3 also served as the chief company archivist, typically involved when any person or entity was performing due diligence on KaloBios.

- 38. CW4 was the Senior Manager of Regulatory Operations at KaloBios from October 2007 to November 17, 2015, reporting to Charles Democko, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs. CW4's job duties included preparing, editing, and assembling regulatory submissions for agencies such as the FDA. If a clinical trial was approved, CW4 would also compile and work on the updates to the trial, including safety reports and annual reports until the study is completed. CW4 also worked closely with KaloBios senior management, as CW4 was often authoring reports in which they were involved.
- 39. CW5 was the Manager, Drug Safety Operations from August 2105 to January 31, 2016, reporting to KaloBios's Interim Development Leader Morgan Lam and, later, Senior Director of Clinical Science Ted Shih. CW5 was responsible for managing the contact research organization (CRO) overseeing the KaloBios clinical trial of KB-003. Among other things, CW5 oversaw incoming cases and checked the CRO's work to ensure it was being done in compliance with the established study protocol.
- 40. CW6 was the Head of Quality at KaloBios, responsible for all quality control and assurance of quality functions, and worked at KaloBios from September 2012 to November 2015, reporting to Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs Charles Democko. CW6 oversaw the contract testing of study drugs and ensured quality was maintained at each manufacturer and reviewed documents related to manufacturing and testing of drug products.

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

KaloBios Suffers Operational Setbacks And Nears Closure

- 41. Entering the Class Period, KaloBios's drug product candidates under study in clinical trials included KB003, which is used in the treatment of patients with severe asthma, and KB004, which is used to treat patients with hematologic malignancies. KaloBios also engaged in transactions to acquire rights to drugs or drug candidates from other pharmaceutical companies.
- 42. However, KaloBios was struggling, both operationally and financially, in the lead up to the Class Period. For instance, its antibody treatment, lenzilumab, a/k/a KB003, failed a Phase II trial in severe asthma, leading KaloBios's ex-partner Sanofi to abandon a partnership in which it had promised up to \$255 million in milestones. In January 2015, KaloBios disclosed that its KB001-A antibody failed to meet its primary endpoint in a Phase II study on bacterial infection related cystic fibrosis. Layoffs and a CEO departure followed. In its Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2015, KaloBios disclosed that it had "incurred significant losses and had an accumulated deficit of \$193.9 million" by that date.
- 43. These failures and setbacks had devastating effects on KaloBios's workforce. For instance, in or about January 2015, CW2 met with Defendant Cross and Head of Human Relations Diane Petty and was offered a severance package. CW2 wound up staying on staff until June 30, 2015, and then one more month as a KaloBios contractor. CW2 stated that, during that time, Defendant Cross and management were telling employees that KaloBios had enough money to last through summer 2015 and would try to raise funds in the fall and that meetings with potential investors were yielding positive feedback. Inasmuch as CW2's job duties included preparation of documents for review by potential investors, CW2 was aware that KaloBios was at that time trying to recruit smaller investors, such as other pharmaceutical

companies that might invest in a particular drug in development at KaloBios, perhaps partnering in the development process. CW2 heard of firms such as Geron and Threshold Pharmaceuticals conducting due diligence on KaloBios and its drugs in that time frame.

- 44. Similarly, in or about February 2015, CW1 was informed that CW1 was being laid off along with about seven other people, due to the need to downsize and preserve cash. Between then and the end of June 2015, when CW1 departed, CW1 received updates that Defendant Cross was meeting with potential investors and was confident that KaloBios was on track to raise money by November 2015.
- 45. However, CW4 said that KaloBios managers began expressing concern September or October 2015 that insufficient funds had been raised and that the prospects for doing so before the end of the year did not look good. According to CW4, in October 2015, KaloBios staff was called in for what they thought was a regular monthly staff meeting, only to be informed that they would be laid off.
- 46. CW3 and CW6 stated that Defendant Cross held monthly meetings with KaloBios employees in which he expressed optimism that KaloBios could raise the money necessary to continue operations. CW3 said that KaloBios employees only learned of the failure to raise necessary funds in November 2015. That was because, as KaloBios attempted to regroup, and to refocus its efforts on a new leukemia indication for KB003, it was running out of time and money. In a November 5, 2015 press release, KaloBios announced a 61% workforce reduction and the pursuit of "strategic alternatives."
- 47. In a Form 12b-25 notification of late filing of a Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on November 9, 2015, KaloBios announced that, as part of its restructuring, it would halt enrollment in its KB004 clinical study and that the "strategic alternatives" it was considering included

"potentially the sale of the Company or its assets, or a corporate acquisition" or, if those efforts failed, "further restricting activities, wind-down of operations and bankruptcy proceedings."

- 48. KaloBios announced in a November 13, 2015 press release that its limited cash resources precluded continued investigation of strategic alternatives, such that it would discontinue its KB003 and KB004 development programs and had engaged the Brenner Group to lead efforts to "wind down its operations" and liquidate the company's assets. It quoted KaloBios's CFO and interim CEO as stating, "Recent discussions around a number of possible strategic transactions have ended, and as a result, the company believes it is highly unlikely that continuing to explore strategic alternatives could generate a viable transaction within the time frame allowed by our limited cash resources." KaloBios instituted deep employee cuts. CW5 was among those laid off on November 13, 2015, with the understanding that KaloBios was intending to "wind down operations." CW5 said that, at that point, the CRO and clinical sites were contacted and told to halt the KB-003 trial and told that it was cancelled. CW6 also left KaloBios on November 13, 2015 and said no one at the company had been aware that Shkreli was interested in buying a controlling stake.
 - 49. On this news, KaloBios's stock closed at \$0.90 on November 13, 2015.

Defendant Shkreli Takes Control Of KaloBios

50. KaloBios issued the November 18, 2015 Press Release, which listed Defendant Cross, KaloBios's CFO, as the corporate contact. It stated, *inter alia*, that it "has been informed that an investor group comprised of Martin Shkreli and associates together have acquired more than 50% of the outstanding shares of KaloBios, and that the company is in discussions with Mr. Shkreli regarding possible direction for the company to continue in operation." It also quoted KaloBios's Executive Chairman, Defendant Martell, as stating,

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We have received communications from Mr. Shkreli informing us of his group's ownership position, and a proposal to continue the company's operations. Our board of directors is prepared to entertain any constructive proposal, which we will act upon promptly. Addressing short-term cash needs is our first priority, and we continue to be open to further dialogue.

Together, these statements were the first public disclosures as to Defendant Shkreli's large ownership stake in KaloBios and his proposal for reviving it and running it going forward. The Partial Settlement resolves the potential liability of the Settling Defendants for these statements.

- 51. Notably, the specifics of Shkreli's proposal were closely guarded and restricted to the highest levels of KaloBios and its Board, as indicated by the statements of multiple CWs. Specifically, CW3 indicated that, despite being KaloBios's chief archivist, CW3 had no knowledge of the process that led to Defendant Shkreli's investment and ascension as CEO. CW6 said that very few people would have met with Shkreli, possibly including Defendant Cross and KaloBios's legal counsel, Don Joseph. CW4 never knew that Defendant Shkreli was a potential CEO for KaloBios and was never part of any discussion regarding his investment in KaloBios. Instead, on CW4's last day, November 17, 2015, CW4 heard that a new CEO would be visiting KaloBios's offices. CW5, having been laid off on November 13, 2015, was invited back to work on November 19, 2015, at which point CW5 learned that KaloBios had a new CEO. At that time, CW5 was not familiar with Shkreli and had known that he was a potential investor or that there even was a potential large investor. Thereafter, CW5 described employee sentiment as having lifted amidst a feeling that KaloBios was "a new company." CW5 called the KB-0003 clinical site and told them that KaloBios was still in business and to resume the KB-003 trial, which many agreed to do. CW6 said that Shkreli effectively rescued the company.
- 52. Significantly, as was later revealed to investors, *after* Shkreli had acquired majority control in KaloBios, it rejected an alternative funding proposal from a different source

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that had been on the table as of November 18, 2015. Specifically, as KaloBios later disclosed, via a Form 8-K filed with the SEC on December 9, 2015, "On November 18, 2015, Armistice Capital Fund ('Armistice') advised the Company that it was prepared to provide an immediate equity infusion if the Company needed it to fund operations. The Company elected not to accept such financing." The Armistice offer was sufficiently substantial that, on December 4, 2015, KaloBios later awarded it a warrant to purchase an aggregate of 125,000 shares. On information and belief, KaloBios rejected the Armistice proposal at the direction of Defendant Shkreli, who was by that point its majority shareholder and was either already its CEO and Chairman or was about to ascend to those roles and was effectively filling them already.

53. Also significant is the fact that Defendant Shkreli's controlling stake, which swelled to 70.0% by November 23, 2015, was acquired for an average price of just \$1.51 pershare. As disclosed in a Form 8-K filed on November 23, 2015, Shkreli's group had purchased 2,885,000 shares of KaloBios for \$4,363,853.00. Defendant Shkreli was motivated to commit the fraud alleged herein, inter alia, to drive up the value of this newly-acquired majority stake through his false and misleading statements during the Class Period.

Defendant Shkreli's False and Misleading Statements During The Class Period

54. On November 19, 2015, KaloBios issued the 11/19/2015 press release, which was later filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a Form 8-K signed by Defendant Shkreli and filed with the SEC on November 23, 2015 (the "11/23/2015 8-K"), which was entitled "KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Appoints Martin Shkreli CEO and Announces New Financing" and which listed "Martin Shkreli, KaloBios CEO" as the company contact and which he wrote, edited, and authorized. It announced that the Shkreli Group had acquired 70% of KaloBios's outstanding

shares and that he had been appointed its CEO and elected its Chairman. In addition, it included numerous false and misleading statements, as follows:

- (a) It falsely and misleadingly touted Defendant Shkreli's leadership, his ability to secure necessary financing, and his ability to continue KaloBios's operations. It stated, "In his new role, Mr. Shkreli will work with the company's senior management team to ensure the Company's continued operations." It touted that "KaloBios has received a commitment from Mr. Shkreli and other investors for an equity investment of at least \$3.0 million. In addition, Mr. Shkreli and the group of investors have committed to a \$10 million equity financing facility, subject to applicable shareholder approval." It added, "The company has approximately \$5 million in cash and will endeavor to file its quarterly results on Form 10-Q as soon as possible. Mr. Shkreli will continue as Chief Executive Officer of Turing Pharmaceuticals AG and the two companies will operate independently."
- (b) The 11/19/2015 Press Release also falsely and misleadingly described the prospects for KaloBios's drug candidates, painting the false and misleading impression that Shkreli's leadership and financing would create a viable pathway toward FDA approval. It quoted Shkreli as stating, "We believe that the KaloBios' lenzilumab is a very promising candidate for the treatment of various rare and orphan diseases. This monoclonal antibody neutralizes soluble granulocyte-macrophage colony stimulating factor (GM-CSF), a central actor in leukocyte differentiation, autoimmunity and inflammation. Lenzilumab has particular promise in Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukemia (CMML), a disease with no FDA-approved treatment options and a 3-year overall survival rate of 20%." It added:

An IND for a Phase I/II CMML monotherapy study of lenzilumab has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (NCT02546284). Preclinical studies have shown lenzilumab can be used to cause apoptosis in CMML cells by depriving them of GM-CSF. Lenzilumab may also have clinical utility in other

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rare autoimmune and inflammatory disorders. A 31-patient Phase I/II clinical trial of lenzilumab will begin enrollment at eight leading oncology clinical trial sites by year end 2015 with interim results possible as soon as the first half of *2016*.

- 55. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83 infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him incapable of ensuring KaloBios's continued operations, overseeing its filing of a Form 10-Q, overseeing enrollment in clinical trials, or advancing KaloBios's drug candidates toward FDA approval, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also *unfit* to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli *incapable* of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, nonviable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.
- 56. This press release had its intended effect, prompting investors to buy back into KaloBios, thereby rapidly driving up its stock price and greatly enhancing the value of Defendant Shkreli's newly-acquired majority stake. After reaching an intra-day trading high of

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\$14.72, KaloBios's stock closed at \$10.40 on November 19, 2015, an increase of \$8.33, or more than 400%, from its \$2.07 closing price on November 18, 2015. At this price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios had risen in value to \$30,004,000.00.

- 57. On November 20, 2015, Defendant Shkreli gave an interview to Bloomberg News (the "11/20/2015 Bloomberg Interview"), in which he falsely and misleadingly said, "I think we will grow KBIO into a large company" and that he was targeting the company to be the next Incyte or large blood-cancer developer and that KaloBios needed to "replenish the pipeline through discipline, diversification and value-based strategy."
- 58. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him incapable of growing KaloBios into a large company, replenishing its pipeline, or leading KaloBios in any course of conduct requiring "discipline," and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him *unfit* to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a

mirage, completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

- 59. Defendant Shkreli's misstatements again drove up KaloBios's stock price. On November 20, 2015, its stock reached an intra-day high of \$23.11 and closed at \$18.25, up over 75% from its prior day's close of \$10.40. At this price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios had risen in value to \$52,651,250.00.
- 60. Defendant Shkreli made false and misleading statements on Sunday, November 22, 2015, via his Twitter account (@MartinShkreli), when he stated, "CMML and JMML are rapidly fatal blood cancers. *Lenxilumab, the important asset at \$KBIO is an exciting potential agent for these diseases.*" The next day, he tweeted a message stating, "*Turnaround in progress.* \$KBIO" that included this picture:



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- 61. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him incapable of ensuring KaloBios's development of its drug candidates or making any sustainable "progress" in its turnaround, and conversely, rendered KaloBios *incapable* of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.
- 62. Defendant Shkreli made false and misleading statements in the 11/23/2015 8-KK, which he signed as its CEO and filed with the SEC on November 23, 2015 and which attached the 11/19/2015 Press Release as an exhibit. The 11/23/2015 8-K announced leadership changes at KaloBios and touted Shkreli's prior experiences at other companies, including Retrophin and MSMB, in a series of false and misleading statements:

(a) In announcing Defendant Shkreli's appointment as KaloBios's CEO, the 11/23/2015 8-K falsely and misleadingly touted his prior experiences, stating, *inter alia*:

Martin Shkreli, age 32, is currently the Chief Executive Officer and is founder of Turing Pharmaceuticals AG.... From December 17, 2012 until October 13, 2014, Mr. Shkreli served as the *Chief Executive Officer and as a director of Retrophin, Inc.*... (NASDAQ: RTRX), a biotechnology company that develops treatments for rare and catastrophic diseases. In March 2011, Mr. Shkreli *founded Retrophin, LLC* (the predecessor to Retrophin, Inc.) and served as the *President of Retrophin, LLC* from the date of its formation. Mr. Shkreli was also the *founder and managing partner of MSMB Capital Management*, a New York hedge fund firm founded in 2006 that ceased to operate in 2013 that managed a variety of partnerships. Mr. Shkreli is an experienced biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry investor, particularly in businesses with orphan drugs. Mr. Shkreli received his Bachelors of Business Administration from Baruch College. *The Company believes that Mr. Shkreli's prior experience, attributes and skills are indicators of his professional competence for the role as Chief Executive Officer of the Company*.

- (b) The 11/23/2015 8-K misleadingly announced that on November 19, 2015, KaloBios's Shkreli-controlled Board appointed Shkreli as its Chairman and appointed numerous Shkreli associates as members of the Board, including Biestek, MSMB's Co-Founder and a longtime Retrophin executive. It stated that, thereafter, the then-current Board members resigned, "effective immediately after such appointments," falsely or misleadingly adding, "The Resigning Directors had no disagreement with the Company that led to their respective resignations."
- (c) In addition, the 11/23/2015 8-K misleadingly announced that the newly-appointed and Shkreli-controlled Board had appointed other longtime Shkreli associates from Retrophin and MSMB to Board positions, stating, "On November 22, 2015, the Board appointed Tom Fernandez and Michael Harrison as members of the Board and members of the Board's Audit Committee, with Mr. Harrison appointed as chairman of such committee."

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(d) The 11/23/2015 8-K also falsely and misleadingly stated that "Under [NASDAQ's listing] rules, the Company has 60 calendar days from November 17, 2015 to submit a plan to NASDAQ to regain compliance with the Rules. The Company intends to file the 2015 Third Quarter 10-O prior to such date and will submit a compliance plan to NASDAQ on or prior to January 16, 2016."

Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading 63. due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB – such that his prior work as founder, CEO, managing partner, and director of these companies were negatives and did not support the statement that his "prior experience, attributes, and skills are indicators of his professional competence for the role of Chief Executive Officer of [KaloBios]." As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him incapable of overseeing KaloBios's filing its Form 10-Q or submitting a compliance plan to NASDAQ, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) – including Biestek, Harrison, and Fernandez – also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing

promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

- 64. Once again, Defendant Shkreli's misstatements had the desired effect. On November 23, 2015, KaloBios's stock reached an intra-day high of \$45.82 and closed at \$39.50, up over 200% from its prior day's close of \$18.25. At this price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios had risen in value to \$113,957,500.00.
- 65. On November 24, 2015, Defendant Shkreli gave an interview to NBC Bay Area (the "11/24/2015 NBC Interview"), in which said, he falsely and misleadingly said, "We've been watching KaloBios for some time, and then we finally felt that it time to buy the company" and that "At the end of the day my constituency is not the media, it's my investors, who I work for, and the patients who we all work for together." As regards KaloBios's staff, he falsely and misleadingly said, "Right now, we're about 12, and we're looking to double and triple that number over the next few months."
- 66. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, *inter alia*, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, *infra*. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him *incapable* of growing KaloBios's workforce or creating *bona fide* investment returns for KaloBios's investors, and conversely, rendered KaloBios *incapable* of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or

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was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also *unfit* to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely to KaloBios. illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

- 67. Defendant Shkreli's misstatements again had the desired effect. On November 24, 2015, KaloBios's stock reached an intra-day high of \$43.75 before closing at \$18.40, a price at which the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios would be worth \$53,084,000.00.
- On November 25, 2015, Defendant Shkreli gave an interview with Bloomberg 68. (the "11/25/2015 Bloomberg Interview"), in which he made extensive false and misleading statements, including, *inter alia*:
- (a) Defendant Shkreli falsely and misleadingly touted the progress being made on KaloBios's drug candidates, stating, "The main asset of the company is a drug called lenzilumab, which is a potential drug for chronic myelomonocytic leukemia. Trials starting right now actually, so we're really excited to see that...and we'll know in Q1 or Q2 if our trial works."
- (b) He falsely and misleadingly touted the advantages of his and his associates' leadership of KaloBios, including access to needed funds, stating, "[W]e went in and we bought the company in the open market ourselves and named ourselves the management - - new management of the company, and now the company has the cash to do this clinical trial that could be a life-saving drug for cancer patients."

stating, "We're focused on creating the value of KaloBios through not only lenzilumab, but <u>I</u> expect that we could announce in acquisition for <u>KaloBios to acquire new products as soon as</u> by the end of this year. In fact, we're in talks with three separate acquisitions that could create even more value for KaloBios." When asked for details as to whether the drugs were for treatment of common or rare diseases, he falsely and misleadingly added, "Probably rare diseases. Two of them are not yet FDA approved, and one of them is FDA approved. So all three are progressing rapidly and could be great fits for KaloBios."

- (d) When asked why he would succeed at leading KaloBios whereas its prior leadership had failed, he falsely and misleadingly stated
 - <u>I think it's credibility and trustworthiness</u>. This is a company that tried lenzilumab in rheumatoid arthritis, and they failed. They tried it in asthma. They failed. And so the third attempt, if you ask investors to fund yet another program, it often is not going to be received very well. So I think when we came in with fresh capital and fresh ideas and said we underwrite this; we support this. And investors who have been in my last two companies know my track record is very good, and I think we'll see success with lenzilumab in CMML.
- (e) Defendant Shkreli falsely and misleadingly committed to fund KaloBios's ongoing drug candidate development work, stating, "KaloBios needs another \$100 million that

 I'm going to give to it so that we can develop lenzilumab for CMML."
- 69. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, *inter alia*, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, *infra*. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB such that his prior work as founder, CEO,

managing partner, and director of these companies were negatives and did not support the statements that he brought "credibility and trustworthiness" to KaloBios and that his "investors who have been in my last two companies know my track record is very good." As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him incapable of leading KaloBios through lenzilumab clinical trials and three drug acquisitions, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him *unfit* to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also *unfit* to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, nonviable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that his funding statements "now the company has the cash to do this clinical trial" and "KaloBios needs another \$100 million that I'm going to give to it" were patently false and such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

70. Also on November 25, 2015, Defendant Shkreli and the members of his investor group including Biestek, filed a Schedule 13D with the SEC (the "11/25/2015 13D"), in which they are referred to as the "Reporting Persons" and which they signed and certified via the false and misleading statement: "After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct." After disclosing that the Reporting Persons had acquired a majority of KaloBios's common shares on November 17, 2015, the 11/25/2015 13D falsely and misleadingly stated, "On

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November 18, 2015, the Reporting Persons *made a proposal to [KaloBios] regarding financing options* (*including those that may lead to the acquisition of additional securities of [KaloBios] by the Reporting Persons and third parties*, and those that would lead to a material change in the present capitalization of [KaloBios]), *continuing operations of [KaloBios]* and a change in [KaloBios]'s management and composition of the Board." It then disclosed the appointment of Shkreli as CEO and Chairman of the Board on November 19, 2015 and the appointment of his associates, including Biestek, Fernandez, and Harrison, as Board members on November 19 and 22, 2015.

71. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him *incapable* of overseeing the continuing operations of KaloBios, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of continuing its operations with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) including Biestek, Harrison, and Fernandez – also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli *incapable* of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage,

completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

- 72. Once again, Defendants' misstatements boosted KaloBios's stock price. On November 25, 2015, its stock closed at \$26.63, up nearly 45% from its prior day's close at \$18.40. At this price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios was worth \$76,827,550.00.
- 73. On December 3, 2015, KaloBios issued a series press releases that were written, edited, and authorized by Defendant Shkreli and that quoted him, in which additional false and misleading statements were made, as follows:
- (a) One press release, entitled "KaloBios Announces Management Additions" (the "12/3/2015 Management Press Release"), touted the appointment of several Shkreli associates to executive positions, including Retrophin alumnus Crutcher as KaloBios's Head of Business Development. In it, regarding the announced appointments, Defendant Shkreli falsely and misleadingly stated, "We are moving quickly to build a very high quality team focused on optimizing the growth opportunities at KaloBios Pharmaceuticals."
- (b) Another press release, entitled "KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Raises \$8.2 Million in Private Placement" (the "12/3/2015 Funding Press Release"), misleadingly stated:

KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: KBIO), today announced it has entered definitive agreements with institutional and accredited investors in connection with a private placement, or PIPE financing. *Upon closing of the transaction, the Company will receive gross proceeds of approximately \$8.2 million* in exchange for the issuance to investors of 280,170 shares of common stock of the Company. The Company may increase the number of shares sold based on additional definitive agreements that may be received. *Closing of the transaction is anticipated to occur the week of December 7, 2015* and is subject to customary closing conditions.

The Company intends to use the proceeds from the PIPE financing for an acquisition and to advance its pipeline of drug candidates, including its lead compound, lenzilumab for the treatment of myelomonocytic leukemia (CMML).

A third press release, entitled "KaloBios Announces Agreement to Acquire

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Benznidazole Program for the Treatment of Chagas Disease" (the "12/3/2015 Benznidazole Press Release"), announced that KaloBios had signed an agreement to acquire a benznidazole program for the treatment of Chagas Disease from privately-held Savant Neglected Diseases, LLC, in exchange for an upfront payment of \$2 million plus regulatory milestones and a royalty based on product sales. It quoted Defendant Shkreli as falsely and misleadingly saying, *interalia*, "Benznidazole is an extremely important medicine that is currently unavailable in the United States or Europe. *KaloBios will work to bring this vital therapy to help patients avoid progression to Chagas' cardiomyopathy by offering early disease intervention."*74. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading

due, *inter alia*, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, *infra*. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him *incapable* of legitimately securing the PIPE financing, overseeing KaloBios's efforts to advance its drug pipeline and move lenzilumab toward FDA approval, legitimately securing any drug acquisitions or, if secured, overseeing development, approval and/or marketing of the acquired drugs, and conversely, rendered KaloBios *incapable* of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him *unfit* to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) – including Crutcher – also *unfit* to assume high-ranking positions at

KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli *incapable* of providing or securing

necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations, including the \$8.2 million

PIPE financing. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

75. On December 3, 2015, KaloBios held a conference call (the "12/3/2015 Conference Call") in which it discussed the substance of the three press releases issued that day.

In conjunction therewith, Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios issued a slide presentation (the

"12/3/2015 Slides"), which they posted to KaloBios's corporate website and filed as an

attachment to a Form 8-K (the "12/4/2015 8-K"), dated and signed by Defendant Shkreli as

KaloBios's CEO on December 3, 2015 and filed with the SEC on December 4, 2015. The

12/3/2015 Slides, which were written, prepared, and authorized by Defendant Shkreli, made

numerous materially false and misleading statements, including, *inter alia*:

- (a) They falsely and misleadingly touted that "The Shkreli Group had acquired a controlling stake of KaloBios," that "Martin Shkreli named Chairman and CEO of KaloBios," and that these developments meant "Permanent access to capital and M&A deal flow."
- (b) The 12/3/2015 Slides also falsely and misleadingly touted that "Employees #1 and #2 of Retrophin, Inc. (NASDAQ: RTRX have joined the Board of Directors of KaloBios" and that "Turing and Retrophin are two of the fastest growing biopharmaceutical companies in the history of the industry."
- (c) They falsely and misleadingly stated that KaloBios's "Turnaround focused on benznidazole and lenzilumab" and included development details and specific timelines, stating,

inter alia, that KaloBios would "File NDA [for benznidazole] by Year End 2016" and was otherwise "Focused on lenzilumab (formerly KB003)" and was "Initiating Phase 1 / 2 study in CMML by YE 2015" (just weeks away) and would "Initiate Phase 2 study in JMML in 1H 2016" and "Initiate multiple proof-of-concept studies for new orphan indications in 2016."

- (d) The 12/3/2015 Slides also falsely and misleadingly represented KaloBios's "Business Development" prospects, touting the "Addition of experienced business development team led by Patrick Crutcher" and representing that "KaloBios is in near-term negotiations to acquire several assets in the next 30 to 90 days" and that "Opportunities include transactions with large pharma, biotech and specialty pharma companies."
- (e) The 12/3/2015 Slides also falsely and misleadingly represented KaloBios's "Corporate Milestones," stating that in "December 2015" it would "Close Savant transaction" and "File 10-Q with new audit firm," while "KB003 CMML Phase I Study first patient dosed."
- On Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading due, *inter alia*, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, *infra*. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB such that his prior work as founder, CEO, managing partner, and director of these companies were *negatives* and did not support the statement positively depicting the addition to KaloBios's Board of "Employees #1 and #2 of Retrophin" or positively describing Retrophin as one of "the fastest growing biopharmaceutical companies in the history of the industry." As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him *incapable* of providing "permanent access to capital and

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M&A deal flow," or of overseeing KaloBios's efforts to file an NDA for benznidazole by year end 2016, initiate clinical trials for lenzilumab in CMML by year end 2015 (just weeks away at the time he spoke) and in JMML in the first half of 2016, initiate studies for new orphan indications in 2016, "acquire several assets in the next 30 to 90 days," file its Form 10-Q in December 2015, and both close the Savant deal and pursue FDA approval for benznidazole, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of taking these steps with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him *unfit* to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) – including Crutcher and other unnamed early Retrophin employees (presumably Shkreli and Biestek) – also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, non-viable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.

77. These misstatements continued the price inflation of KaloBios's stock during the Class Period. After reaching an intra-day high of \$34.30, its stock price closed at \$29.32 on December 3, 2015. After reaching an intra-day high of \$34.63, it closed at \$31.13 on December 4, 2015. At these prices, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios was worth between \$84,588,200.00 and \$89,810,050.00. The same day, Defendant Shkreli re-tweeted a day trader's post touting KaloBios's value: "\$KBIO worth minimum \$60 bucks per share."

78. On December 16, 2015, KaloBios filed a Form 8-K with the SEC (the "12/16/2015 8-K"), which Defendant Shkreli wrote, edited, authorized, and signed as KaloBios's CEO, stating that it had consummated a transaction to sell 350,224 shares of KaloBios common

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stock in an \$8.2 million private placement via an amended securities purchase agreement that it appended as an exhibit.

79. Unbeknownst to investors, these statements were materially false and misleading

- due, inter alia, to the facts and circumstances of Defendant Shkreli's prior improprieties, frauds, and illegal and criminal misconduct, as later revealed in the Shkreli Indictments and the SEC Shkreli Complaint and as set forth in ¶83, infra. As Shkreli knew, he had already committed a myriad of improper, fraudulent, illegal, and criminal actions at his other companies and ventures, including, among others, Retrophin and MSMB. As Shkreli knew or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances rendered him *incapable* of legitimately securing the \$8.2 million PIPE financing or any other financing options, and conversely, rendered KaloBios incapable of doing so with Shkreli at the helm. As Shkreli knew, or was reckless in not knowing, these facts and circumstances also made him unfit to lead KaloBios, made his associates from Retrophin and MSMB (who either knew of his misconduct or were reckless in not knowing it) also unfit to assume high-ranking positions at KaloBios or to oversee its operations, and rendered Shkreli incapable of providing or securing necessary financing and funding for KaloBios's continued operations. Shkreli's knowledge was imputable to KaloBios. The funding and financing promised by Shkreli was a mirage, completely illegitimate, nonviable, and only obtainable (if at all) through additional frauds, such that KaloBios was in reality still facing imminent bankruptcy.
- 80. On December 16, 2015, KaloBios's stock closed at \$23.59, after reaching an intra-day high of \$25.30. At these prices, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios was worth \$68,057,150.00.

The Truth Begins To Emerge

81. The market was shocked when investors awoke to the news that Defendant Shkreli had been led away in handcuffs during his pre-market-open arrest on December 17, 2015. He was immediately terminated as KaloBios CEO that same day.



- 82. Shkreli's arrest was based on misconduct outlined in a 30-page federal indictment unsealed on December 17, 2015 (and superseded in June 2016), which along with a 22-page SEC complaint filed that day, outlined the massive scale of Shkreli's fraudulent and illegal conduct at his other companies and ventures, including Retrophin and MSMB. Significantly, Defendant Shkreli had taken associates of his with high-ranking positions at these *very same* companies, appointed them to high-level leadership positions at KaloBios during the Class Period, and in doing so, touted their experience and his own experience leading those companies.
- 83. The SEC Shkreli Complaint and the Shkreli Indictments contained new information that materially altered the total mix of information for KaloBios investors. They

included, inter alia, the following details that were material omissions from the false and

misleading Class Period statements alleged *supra*, all of which also constituted additional reasons why those misstatements had been materially false and misleading when made:

(a) Shkreli stole funds from MSMB. Defendant Shkreli misappropriated funds from

- MSMB by withdrawing funds from MSMB that were far in excess of the 1% management fee and the 20% net profit incentive allocation permitted by the MSMB partnership agreement. Without the knowledge or consent of the Capital Limited Partners of MSMB, Shkreli withdrew and spent more than \$200,000.00 from MSMB during the life of the fund, which was far in excess of any permitted fees. Part of the drastic decline in MSMB's value was attributable to the fact that between October 2009 and January 2011, over \$450,000.00 invested in MSMB was used to pay expenses, and at least \$120,000.00 of these expenses were not properly chargeable to MSMB under the terms of the partnership agreement, including charges for office rent, food, medical expenses, clothing and cash withdrawals.
- (b) <u>Shkreli fraudulently induced investments in MSMB</u>. Between September 2009 and December 2010, Defendant Shkreli misrepresented material facts to potential investors, including, *inter alia*, that MSMB was a transparent investment vehicle with monthly liquidity, the investment advisor was entitled to a 1% management fee per annum based on net partnership assets, the general partner was entitled to 20% of the limited partners' annual net profits, and MSMB had retained independent certified public accountants as auditors who would issue an audit report on MSMB's annual financials. Based on these statements and representations about Shkreli's success as a portfolio manager and personal investment in MSMB, between September 2009 and November 2010, he induced \$700,000.00 in MSMB investments from four Capital Limited Partners. In actuality, however, MSMB did not retain an independent auditor, was not

transparent, and lacked sufficient monthly liquidity to satisfy large redemption requests. Moreover, Shkreli failed to disclose that he had lost all of the money he managed in Elea Capital, his prior hedge fund, and that there was a \$2.3 million default judgment against him from Lehman Brothers resulting from his trading activity.

- (c) <u>Shkreli lied to MSMB's largest investors</u>. On or about December 2, 2010, a potential large investor being solicited by Defendant Shkreli for investment in MSMB asked him about MSMB's assets under management and for the names of its independent auditor and fund administrator. Shkreli responded by saying MSMB had \$35 million in assets under management and that MSMB's independent auditor and administrator were Kass & Company, P.C. and NAV Consulting. In reliance on these representations, the investor invested \$1.25 million in MSMB in December 2010 and January 2011, and seven other investors invested another \$1.75 million. However, at the time of Shkreli's representations, MSMB did not have an independent auditor or administrator and the total value of assets in its bank and brokerage accounts was just \$700.00.
- On or about February 1, 2011, Defendant Shkreli took a large short sale position in Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc. ("Orexigen") in MSMB's brokerage account at Merrill Lynch. Shkreli represented to Merrill Lynch that he had located Orexigen shares to borrow in order to settle MSMB's short sales when, in actuality, he had not located such shares. As a result, MSMB failed to settle a short position of over 11 million Orexigen shares, which Merrill Lynch had to close at a loss of over \$7 million. These and other trading losses dropped MSMB's total account balances to just \$58,500.00 by the end of February 2011.
- (e) Shkreli worked with his lawyer and employees to defraud Retrophin into settling MSMB debts and personal debts. Between February 2011 and September 2014,

Defendant Shkreli and Greebel, who served as Retrophin's lead outside counsel and at times as

counsel to Shkreli and MSMB, engaged in a scheme to defraud Retrophin by causing Retrophin: to transfer Retrophin securities to MSMB, even though MSMB had never invested in Retrophin; to enter into settlement agreements with defrauded MSMB investors to settle liabilities owed by MSMB and Shkreli; and to enter into sham consulting agreements with other defrauded MSMB investors and an Elea Capital investor as an alternative means to settle liabilities owed by MSMB and Shkreli. Shkreli's and Greebel's scheme was aided by "Corrupt Employee 1" and "Corrupt Employee 2," identified in the Shkreli Indictments as "individuals employed by Shkreli" who, on information and belief, are among the Shkreli associates rewarded with high-level positions at KaloBios.

Shkreli worked with his lawyer and employees to fabricate MSMB investments

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in Retrophin. Defendant Shkreli and Greebel, along with others including "Corrupt Employee 1" and "Corrupt Employee 2," engaged in a scheme to fabricate an investment by MSMB in Retrophin through a series of fraudulent transactions backdated to the summer of 2012. In or about November and December 2012, Shkreli and Greebel orchestrated a transfer of shares to Shkreli from "Co-Conspirator 1," as well as "Corrupt Employee 1" and "Corrupt Employee 2"; backdated them to the summer of 2012; and then Shkreli transferred, pursuant to a backdated agreement, 75,000 shares to MSMB that he received from "Co-Conspirator 1," "Corrupt Employee 1" and "Corrupt Employee 2." Shkreli and Greebel compensated "Co-Conspirator 1," "Corrupt Employee 1" and "Corrupt Employee 2" for their roles in this scheme by providing them with the opportunity to acquire, for a nominal amount, 5% of Retrophin's unrestricted or free trading shares.

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The scheme involving Shkreli, Greebel, and the scheme's other participants was welldocumented, as evidenced by, inter alia, the following: (i) on November 20, 2012, Greebel provided Retrophin Employee 1 with a template share transfer agreement previously provided to Shkreli; (ii) on November 25, 2012, in response Shkreli's question about cancelling a transfer of Retrophin shares previously given by Shkreli, Greebel responded, "hard to unwind stuff - easier if they transfer back."; (iii) on November 29, 2012, Retrophin Employee 1 emailed Greebel and accountants an agreement, signed by Shkreli and Co-Conspirator 1, transferring 4,167 shares from Co-Conspirator 1 to Shkreli; (iv) also on November 29, 2012, within a half-hour later, Shkreli, Greebel, Co-Conspirator 1 and Retrophin Employee 1 exchanged emails, from which Greebel removed the accountants, wherein Shkreli stated, "that agreement was signed in June"; (v) a few minutes later, Retrophin Employee 1 emailed Shkreli and Greebel, copying Co-Conspirator 1, attaching the same transfer agreement, which had been changed so that the November 29, 2012 dates below the signature lines for Shkreli and Co-Conspirator 1 were covered by clearly-visible redacting tape and replaced with the date of July 1, 2012; (vi) one minute later, in response, Greebel emailed Retrophin Employee 1 and stated, "please call me"; (vii) amidst this email exchange, one of the accountants who had received the original share transfer agreement from Retrophin Employee 1, exclaimed, "WT F."; (viii) 30 minutes after Greebel asked Retrophin Employee 1 to call him, Retrophin Employee 1 emailed Shkreli and Greebel, copying Co-Conspirator 1, attaching the transfer agreement between Shkreli and Co-Conspirator 1 with a new signature page, without any visible redacting tape and a new date of June 1, 2012 typed in rather than being handwritten; (ix) on December 3, 2012, Retrophin Employee 1 emailed the accountant, attaching Co-Conspirator 1's backdated agreement, as well as similar backdated share transfer agreements by Corrupt Employee 1 and Corrupt Employee 2

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dated July 1, 2012, along with an agreement between Shkreli and MSMB dated July 1, 2012 transferring 75,000 shares from Shkreli to MSMB; and (x) although none of the MSMB capitalization tables prepared in July, September, and November 2012 reflected any of these agreements, later on December 3, 2012, Shkreli emailed Greebel and Retrophin Employee 1, attaching a "final capitalization table" containing an entry for MSMB for 75,000 shares.

(g) Shkreli worked with his lawyer to hide settlements with defrauded MSMB and Elea Capital investors as sham consulting agreements with Retrophin. Between September 2013 and March 2014, Defendant Shkreli and Greebel, along with others, caused Retrophin to enter into four sham "consulting" agreements with defrauded investors of Elea Capital and MSMB that were, in actuality, settlement agreements. Three of the four "consulting" agreements provided that the defrauded investors would provide consulting services "on strategic and corporate governance matters to the management of the company" and contained releases as to Shkreli, MSMB and Retrophin. The fourth, entered into with the defrauded Elea Capital investor, provided that the investor would provide consulting services "on cluster headache drug development and other matters to the Company." Retrophin received no legitimate consulting services based on these sham agreements. Shkreli and Greebel tried to conceal the true nature of these sham consulting agreements, three of which were never presented to Retrophin's Board for approval. The fourth was put on the Board's agenda, but never approved. On April 19, 2013, Greebel emailed Shkreli attaching a form consulting agreement to use in settling claims and stated, "I think you should get blanket approval from the board for you to retain consultants who may be paid in cash or stock up to an aggregate amount of \$."

This scheme, too, was well-documented, including an email exchange on October 16, 2013, in which: (i) Greebel emailed Shkreli informing him that a defrauded investor wanted

100,000 Retrophin shares as part of his settlement and did not want to enter into a consulting agreement; (ii) when Shkreli indicated that was acceptable, Greebel stated, "Where will the 100k come from? If it's from the company it would need to be in a consulting agreement."; (iii) Shkreli questioned Greebel's approach, stating, "Why would it need to be a consulting agreement???! Have you heard of the term settlement?"; and (iv) Greebel responded by explaining, "We can call it a settlement agreement, but given [the auditor's] recent behavior they may require it to be disclosed in the financials. I was trying to prevent that issue."

- 84. These facts, circumstances, and events revealed to investors for the first time on December 17, 2015 that, despite Defendant Shkreli's prior statements during the Class Period, he and his associates were utterly unfit to run KaloBios, the funding and financing he promised for KaloBios's future operations was completely non-viable, KaloBios's announced plans for strategic acquisitions, advancement of its drug programs, and regulatory approvals from FDA were unrealistic and non-viable, and KaloBios faced imminent bankruptcy.
- NASDAQ halted all trading (when trading volume had only reached 13,700 shares) so that NASDAQ could request more information from KaloBios. Even the exchange itself was blindsided. NASDAQ put out a statement at 10:41 a.m. on December 17, 2015, stating that it had halted trading at 6:48 a.m. and that trading would remain halted "until KaloBios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. has fully satisfied NASDAQ's request for additional information" as to the circumstances surrounding Shkreli's arrest.
 - 86. With trading still halted, the bad news for KaloBios investors piled up.
- 87. On December 21, 2015, KaloBios's independent accounting firm, Marcum LLP, which had only been hired less than two weeks earlier, resigned.

- 88. On December 24, 2015, NASDAQ announced that KaloBios's stock would be delisted on December 30, 2015 due to Shkreli's arrests and other issues.
- 89. KaloBios filed for bankruptcy on December 29, 2015, and withdrew its appeal of its NASDAQ delisting on January 12, 2016.
- 90. When KaloBios finally resumed trading, on the over the counter (OTC) market, on January 13, 2016, it opened at \$2.51, reached an intra-day low of \$1.02, and finally closed at \$4.39.
- 91. As a result of Defendants' materially false and misleading statements and omissions, KaloBios securities traded at inflated prices during the Class Period. However, after Defendants' fraud was revealed, KaloBios's stock suffered a precipitous decline in market value, thereby causing significant losses and damages to Plaintiffs and other Class members.

CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS

92. As against Defendant Shkreli, Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a) and (b)(3) on behalf of the Class of persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of KaloBios during the Class Period extending from November 19, 2015 and December 16, 2015, both dates inclusive, seeking to recover damages caused by Defendants' violations of the federal securities laws and to pursue remedies under Exchange Act §\$10(b) and 20(a) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, their immediate family members, and KaloBios's officers, directors, executive employees, subsidiaries and affiliates.³

³ As noted in ¶3 *supra*, the facts and circumstances alleged herein also give rise to claims against Settling Defendants Martell, Cross, and KaloBios on behalf of investors who purchased or otherwise acquired the common stock of KaloBios between November 18, 2015 and December 16, 2015, inclusive, for violations of Exchange Act

- 93. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impracticable. Throughout the Class Period, KaloBios' securities were actively traded on the NASDAQ. While the exact number of Class members is unknown to Plaintiffs at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery, Plaintiffs believe that there are hundreds or thousands of members in the proposed Class. Millions of KaloBios shares were traded publicly during the Class Period on the NASDAQ. As of August 7, 2015, KaloBios had 4,123,921 shares of common stock outstanding. Record owners and other members of the Class may be identified from records maintained by KaloBios or its transfer agent and may be notified of the pendency of this action by mail, using the form of notice similar to that customarily used in securities class actions.
- 94. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of the claims of the Class members as all Class members are similarly affected by Defendant Shkreli's wrongful conduct in violation of federal law that is complained of herein.
- 95. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Class members and have retained counsel competent and experienced in class and securities litigation. Plaintiffs have no interests antagonistic to or in conflict with those of the Class.
- 96. Common questions of law and fact exist as to all members of the Class and predominate over any questions solely affecting individual members of the Class. Among the questions of law and fact common to the Class are:
 - whether the federal securities laws were violated by Defendant Shkreli's acts as alleged herein;

^{§§10(}b) and 20(a), claims which are, at present, subject to the "Partial Settlement" and, pursuant to its terms, a stay of this action as against the Settling Defendants pending its final approval by the Court.

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- whether statements made by Defendant Shkreli to the investing public during the Class Period, as alleged herein, misrepresented and/or omitted material facts about the business, operations, management, and prospects of KaloBios and/or the facts and circumstances surrounding Defendant Shkreli's experiences at other companies including Retrophin and MSMB;
- whether Defendant Shkreli acted knowingly or recklessly in issuing false and misleading public statements as alleged herein;
- whether the prices of KaloBios securities during the Class Period were artificially inflated because of Defendant Shkreli's conduct complained of herein; and
- whether the members of the Class have sustained damages and, if so, what is the proper measure of damages.
- 97. A class action is superior to all other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy since joinder of all members is impracticable. Furthermore, as the damages suffered by individual Class members may be relatively small, the expense and burden of individual litigation make it impossible for members of the Class to individually redress the wrongs done to them. There will be no difficulty in the management of this action as a class action.

FRAUD ON THE MARKET PRESUMPTION

- 98. Plaintiffs will rely, in part, upon the presumption of reliance established by the fraud-on-the-market doctrine in that, *inter alia*:
 - Defendant Shkreli made public misrepresentations or failed to disclose material facts during the Class Period;
 - the omissions and misrepresentations were material;
 - KaloBios securities traded in an efficient market at all relevant times;
 - KaloBios's shares were liquid and traded with moderate to heavy volume at all relevant times;
 - KaloBios's shares traded on the NASDAQ during the Class Period and was covered by multiple analysts at all relevant times;
 - the misrepresentations and omissions alleged would tend to induce a reasonable investor to misjudge the value of KaloBios's securities; and

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- Plaintiffs and members of the Class purchased, acquired and/or sold KaloBios securities between the time the Defendants failed to disclose or misrepresented material facts and the time the true facts were disclosed, without knowledge of the omitted or misrepresented facts.
- 99. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to a presumption of reliance upon the integrity of the market.
- 100. Alternatively, Plaintiffs and the members of the Class are entitled to the presumption of reliance established by the Supreme Court in Affiliated Ute Citizens of the State of Utah v. United States, 406 U.S. 128, 92 S. Ct. 2430 (1972), as Defendant Shkreli omitted substantial material information in his Class Period statements in violation of a duty to disclose such information, as detailed above.

NO SAFE HARBOR

- 101. The statutory safe harbor provided for forward-looking statements under certain circumstances does not apply to any of the false and misleading statements pleaded herein, which were not properly identified as forward-looking statements when made.
- 102. To the extent there were any forward-looking statements, there were no meaningful cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the purportedly forward-looking statements.
- 103. Alternatively, to the extent that the statutory safe harbor does apply to any forward-looking statements pleaded herein, Defendant Shkreli is nonetheless liable for making such statements because, at the time each statement was made, he knew the statement was materially false and/or misleading.

SCIENTER

104. To the extent it is required to be plead for certain of the claims alleged herein, Defendant Shkreli scienter is readily apparent.

105. It is also clear that, at all relevant times, Defendant Shkreli acted knowingly. In making the totality of his misstatements alleged herein, he had full knowledge of the facts and circumstances concerning his own fraudulent and illegal misconduct at all of his companies and ventures – including Retrophin and MSMB – his unfitness and that of his associates to lead KaloBios, his inability to deliver necessary funding and financing, and his fraud concerning the \$8.2 million private placement transaction. He knew all of the details set forth in the SEC complaint and the criminal indictments made public after the Class Period.

- 106. Moreover, each of Defendant Shkreli's misstatements alleged herein were made by him as CEO and Chairman of KaloBios. In those roles, he had a legal duty to monitor information indicating that his statements were false, such that his failure to do so could only have been through his recklessness. Moreover, the information rendering his statements false and misleading is imputable to him, due to his titles, roles, and responsibilities at KaloBios.
- 107. Defendant Shkreli also had substantial motive to commit the fraud alleged herein, so as to secure massive profits by running up the price of KaloBios stock. He gained control of KaloBios through open-market purchases of its stock at prices as low as \$0.30. Through the fraud alleged herein, he drove its stock price as high as \$45.82 during the Class Period. At that price, the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios was worth over \$132 million.
- 108. Defendant Shkreli's lack of stock sales during the short, one-month Class Period cannot credibly be pointed to as an exonerating fact as to his scienter, as during the 11/25/2015 Bloomberg interview, he <u>admitted</u> that he could not sell his shares for six months or he would have to disgorge the profits to the company, stating: "[Y]ou have to keep in mind that there's Section 16B of the SEC Act, which states that you cannot sell a stock within 6 months after acquiring more than 10 percent stake without disgorging the profits to the company. So, I don't

plan on disgorging the profits to the company." This quote illustrates that he *investigated* the possibility of selling at a profit, and made a calculated decision to wait for 6 months so as to ensure retention of the profits for himself. Thus, Defendant Shkreli was motivated to drive up the price of KaloBios, through the false and misleading statements alleged herein, long enough to cash in at inflated prices once permitted to retain the proceeds.

- 109. Defendant Shkreli was also under a clear duty to speak truthfully and, having chosen to speak, was obligated to speak the whole truth. As discussed *supra*, Defendant Shkreli made and/or caused to be made the alleged false and misleading statements and omissions alleged herein and signed the SEC filings within which such misstatements and omissions appeared. As discussed herein, Defendant Shkreli violated such duties.
- ability to stabilize its leadership, secure necessary funding and financing, and identify a viable path forward in the wake of several operational failures were existential issues for KaloBios, as it was on the brink of bankruptcy and liquidation heading into the Class Period. In light of these facts, it is inconceivable that Defendant Shkreli did not know the facts and circumstances of the fraud as alleged herein.

LOSS CAUSATION / ECONOMIC LOSS

111. The market for KaloBios shares was open, well-developed, and efficient at all relevant times. During the Class Period, as detailed herein, Defendant Shkreli engaged in a course of conduct and a scheme to deceive the market that artificially inflated KaloBios shares and operated as a fraud or deceit on Class Period purchasers of KaloBios shares by misrepresenting the material facts detailed herein. As detailed above, when Defendant Shkreli's prior misrepresentations became known to the public, the price of KaloBios shares fell

precipitously, as the prior artificial inflation came out. As a result of their purchases of KaloBios shares during the Class Period, Plaintiffs and the other Class members suffered economic loss, *i.e.*, damages, under the federal securities laws.

- 112. During the Class Period, Defendant Shkreli presented a misleading picture of his own expertise and qualifications, his ability to procure necessary funding for KaloBios, his ability to lead KaloBios forward and achieve its stated goals, the legitimacy of his leadership and business acumen, the illegality of his prior conduct, the legitimacy and qualifications of his longtime associates from Retrophin and MSMB to fill leadership positions as KaloBios, as well as KaloBios's financial condition, operations, and business prospects. Defendant Shkreli's false and misleading statements had the intended effect, driving up the value of the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios by causing its shares to trade at artificially inflated prices throughout the Class Period and until the truth was revealed to the market.
- 113. In response to the corrective events on December 17, 20015, the price of KaloBios shares dropped so sharply that NASDAQ halted trading before the markets even opened. Once trading in KaloBios stock resumed, its price immediately cratered, removing inflation due to the alleged fraud, causing real economic loss to investors who had purchased KaloBios shares during the Class Period.
- 114. The decline was a direct result of the nature and extent of Defendant Shkreli's fraud being revealed to investors and the market. The timing and magnitude of the price decline in KaloBios shares negates any inference that the loss suffered by Plaintiffs and the other Class members was caused by changed market conditions, macroeconomic factors or company-specific facts unrelated to Defendant Shkreli's fraudulent conduct.

115. The economic loss, *i.e.*, damages, suffered by Plaintiffs and other Class members was a direct result of Defendant Shkreli's fraudulent scheme to artificially inflate KaloBios's share price and the subsequent significant decline in the value of KaloBios shares when his prior misrepresentations and other fraudulent conduct were revealed.

COUNT I

(Against All Defendants For Violations Of Exchange Act Section 10(b) And Rule 10b-5 Promulgated Thereunder)

- 116. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained above as if fully set forth herein.
- 117. This Count is asserted against Defendants and is based upon Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78j(b), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by the SEC.
- 118. During the Class Period, Defendants engaged in a plan, scheme, conspiracy and course of conduct, pursuant to which they knowingly or recklessly engaged in acts, transactions, practices and courses of business which operated as a fraud and deceit upon Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class; made various untrue statements of material facts and omitted to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and employed devices, schemes and artifices to defraud in connection with the purchase and sale of securities. Such scheme was intended to, and, throughout the Class Period, did: (i) deceive the investing public, including Plaintiffs and other Class members, as alleged herein; (ii) artificially inflate and maintain the market price of KaloBios securities; and (iii) cause Plaintiffs and other members of the Class to purchase or otherwise acquire KaloBios securities and options at artificially inflated prices. In furtherance of this unlawful scheme, plan and course of conduct, Defendant Shkreli and the other Defendants, and each of them, took the actions set forth herein.

119. Pursuant to the above plan, scheme, conspiracy and course of conduct, Defendant Shkreli and the other Defendants participated directly or indirectly in the preparation and/or issuance of the press releases, SEC filings, and other public statements as described above, including statements made to securities analysts and the media that were designed to influence the market for KaloBios securities. Such releases, filings, and statements were materially false and misleading in that they failed to disclose material adverse information and misrepresented the truth about Shkreli's expertise and qualifications, his ability to procure necessary funding for KaloBios, his ability to lead KaloBios forward and achieve its stated goals, the legitimacy of his leadership and business acumen, the illegality of his prior conduct, the legitimacy and qualifications of his longtime associates from Retrophin and MSMB to fill leadership positions as KaloBios, as well as KaloBios's financial condition, operations, and business prospects

- 120. Information showing that Defendant Shkreli and the other Defendants acted knowingly or with reckless disregard for the truth was peculiarly within their knowledge and control.
- 121. In the case of Defendant Shkreli and Defendant KaloBios, their actual knowledge of the materially false and misleading statements and material omissions made throughout the Class Period, by which they intended to deceive and did deceive Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class, cannot reasonably be disputed as Shkreli had full knowledge of the facts and circumstances concerning his own fraudulent and illegal misconduct at all of his companies and ventures (including Retrophin and MSMB), his unfitness and that of his associates to lead KaloBios, his inability to deliver necessary funding and financing, and the fraud concerning the \$8.2 million KaloBios private placement transaction. Such knowledge would in any event be imputable to Defendant Shkreli due to his positions and oversight roles at KaloBios and the

implication of the core operations of KaloBios. As its controlling shareholder, CEO, and

Chairman, Defendant Shkreli's knowledge is imputable to Defendant KaloBios.

122. In the alternative, Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios acted with reckless disregard for the truth in that they failed or refused to ascertain and disclose such facts as would reveal the materially false and misleading nature of the statements made, although such facts were readily available to them. Said acts and omissions of Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios were committed

willfully or with reckless disregard for the truth. In addition, they knew or recklessly

disregarded that material facts were being misrepresented or omitted as described above.

123. As discussed herein, Defendant Shkreli was personally motivated to commit the alleged fraud so as to reap massive profits from driving up KaloBios's stock price orders of magnitude higher than the prices he paid on the open market to secure a controlling stake in KaloBios and maintaining its price inflated levels until such time as he could liquidate some or all of his position in KaloBios. Defendant KaloBios was motivated by the prospects of avoiding bankruptcy, securing the \$8.2 million private placement, and completing strategic transactions that might stave off its demise.

of herein. Because of his positions of control and authority, he was able to and did, directly or indirectly, control the content of the statements of KaloBios as alleged herein. As an officer and/or director of a publicly-held company, he had a duty to disseminate timely, accurate, and truthful information with respect to KaloBios's businesses, operations, future financial condition and future prospects. As a result of the dissemination of the false misleading public statements as alleged herein, the market price of KaloBios securities was artificially inflated throughout the Class Period. In ignorance of the adverse facts concerning KaloBios's business and financial

condition which were concealed by Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class purchased or otherwise acquired KaloBios securities at artificially inflated prices and relied upon the price of the securities, the integrity of the market for the securities and/or upon statements disseminated by Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios, and were damaged thereby.

- 125. During the Class Period, KaloBios securities were traded on an active and efficient market. Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class, relying on the materially false and misleading statements described herein, which the Defendant Shkreli made, issued or caused to be disseminated, or relying upon the integrity of the market, purchased or otherwise acquired shares of KaloBios securities at prices artificially inflated by his wrongful conduct. Had Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class known the truth, they would not have purchased or otherwise acquired said securities, or would not have purchased or otherwise acquired them at the inflated prices that were paid. At the time of the purchases and/or acquisitions by Plaintiffs and the Class, the true value of KaloBios securities was substantially lower than the prices paid by Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class. The market price of KaloBios securities declined precipitously upon public disclosure revealed the truth as alleged herein, to the injury of Plaintiffs and Class members.
- 126. By reason of the conduct alleged herein, Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios knowingly or recklessly, directly or indirectly, have violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder.
- 127. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant Shkreli's wrongful conduct, Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class suffered damages in connection with their respective purchases, acquisitions and sales of KaloBios's securities during the Class Period,

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upon the corrective events outlined herein that revealed that Defendants Shkreli and KaloBios had been disseminating material misrepresentations and omissions to the investing public.

COUNT II (Violations Of Section 20(a) Of The Exchange Act **Against Defendant Shkreli**)

- 128. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
- 129. During the Class Period, Defendant Shkreli participated in the operation and management of KaloBios, and conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of KaloBios's business affairs. Due, *inter alia*, to his complete control over KaloBios, stemming from the Shkreli Group's 70% stake in KaloBios and his majority ownership of that stake, as well as his positions as CEO and Chairman and related oversight roles, he knew the adverse nonpublic information about KaloBios's leadership, business and operations, internal controls, and finances, and future prospects, including without limitation the material information alleged to have been omitted in their public statements as discussed herein.
- 130. As an officer and/or director of a public company, Defendant Shkreli had a duty to disseminate accurate and truthful information with respect to his own expertise and qualifications, his ability to procure necessary funding for KaloBios, his ability to lead KaloBios forward and achieve its stated goals, the legitimacy of his leadership and business acumen, the illegality of his prior conduct, the legitimacy and qualifications of his longtime associates from Retrophin and MSMB to fill leadership positions as KaloBios, as well as KaloBios's leadership, business, operations, finances, financial condition and future prospects, and to correct promptly any public statements issued by Defendants which had become materially false or misleading.

131. Because of his position of control and authority as controlling shareholder, CEO, and Chairman, Defendant Shkreli was able to, and did, control the contents of the press releases, SEC filings and other public statements which KaloBios disseminated in the marketplace during the Class Period, as alleged herein. Throughout the Class Period, he exercised his power and authority to cause KaloBios to engage in the wrongful acts complained of herein. Defendant Shkreli therefore, was a "controlling person" of KaloBios within the meaning of Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. In this capacity, he participated in the unlawful conduct alleged which artificially inflated the market price of KaloBios securities.

- 132. Defendant Shkreli, therefore, acted as a controlling person of KaloBios. By reason of his controlling interest in KaloBios, and his positions as CEO and Chairman, he had the power to direct the actions of, and exercised the same to cause, KaloBios to engage in the unlawful acts and conduct complained of herein. Defendant Shkreli exercised control over the general operations of KaloBios and possessed the power to control the specific activities which comprise the primary violations about which Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class complain.
- 133. By reason of the above conduct, Defendant Shkreli is liable pursuant to Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 §78t(a), for the violations committed by KaloBios.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief and judgment as follows:

A. Determining that this action may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, designating the KaloBios Investor Group as Lead Plaintiffs, and certifying the KaloBios Investor Group and Plaintiff Isensee as a Class representatives and their choice of counsel as Lead Counsel;

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1	B.	Requiring Defend	dants to pay, jointly and severally, the damages sustained by
2	Plaintiffs and the Class by reason of the acts and transactions alleged herein, in an amount to b		
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5	C. Awarding Plaintiffs and the other members of the Class prejudgment and pos		
6	judgment interest, as well as their reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees and other costs; and		
7	D.	Awarding such ot	her and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.
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10	Plaintiffs hereby demand a trial by jury.		
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